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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

One of our countries founding principles is the freedom to create something and to be part of a true free market. I believe it is because of these freedom of expression and an even playing field that America has excelled in innovation. At present we no longer have a level starting point. We are in danger of being subsumed by giant corporations that are swallowing innovation, and stifle competition. In a word our country is being taken over by monopolies.

As a small business person my business depends on my internet connection. For the cloud based programs, online market places and social connections that are vital to reaching my target audience. I implore you holders of the power, please think of our country's future, for our children and grand children's sake.

Respectfully Yours,

Michele Tilford